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Dear Lu-

I've just had a letter from the Automatic Control Systems group at Illinois concerning their summer seminar, and asking whether I would be willing to participate at one of their two-day sessions. Before deciding about this, I thought it worthwhile to write you about it. Who are the local biologists they refer to as participants: does that include Rhoades and yourself?

Are you planning to come back to Urbana after the CSH meetings? If I do come down, I would want to be sure of choosing a date when you would be there; Marcus and Laughman can pretty well be counted on staying put. Finally, do you happen to know how long the seminars will be going on? For obvious climatic reasons, as well as the general turmoil of June 7-15, I would prefer as late a date as possible.

Waiting to hear from you, and to seeing you at CSH,

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg.

P.S. Much to my surprise, Tulaam is probably right about filtrable L-forms in Salmonella. Under some conditions, they remain dormant unless inoculated with other bacteria, and can closely simulate a "transformation"; they also have some sort of genetic function- but you'll hear about it at Cold Spring H.

Lester